

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1643**

Chapter 122, Laws of 2019

66th Legislature  
2019 Regular Session

ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM--PROPERTY OWNERSHIP--LEGAL AID

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 28, 2019

Passed by the House March 6, 2019  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 10, 2019  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

KAREN KEISER

**President of the Senate**

Approved April 24, 2019 1:56 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1643** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

April 25, 2019

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House State Government & Tribal Relations (originally sponsored by Representatives Doglio, Walsh, Dolan, Irwin, Orwall, Lovick, Macri, Appleton, Shewmake, Jinkins, Davis, Frame, and Leavitt)

READ FIRST TIME 02/15/19.

1            AN ACT Relating to property ownership for participants in the  
2 address confidentiality program; amending RCW 40.24.010; and adding a  
3 new section to chapter 40.24 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 40.24.010 and 2008 c 312 s 1 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7            The legislature finds that persons attempting to escape from  
8 actual or threatened domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking,  
9 or stalking frequently establish new addresses in order to prevent  
10 their assailants or probable assailants from finding them. The  
11 purpose of this chapter is to enable state and local agencies to  
12 respond to requests for public records without disclosing the  
13 location of a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault,  
14 trafficking, or stalking, to enable interagency cooperation with the  
15 secretary of state in providing address confidentiality for victims  
16 of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, or stalking, and  
17 to enable state and local agencies to accept a program participant's  
18 use of an address designated by the secretary of state as a  
19 substitute mailing address. The legislature further intends to  
20 provide assistance to program participants who own or desire to own

1 property in the state to protect such ownership from public  
2 disclosure.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 40.24  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 The secretary of state shall enter into an interagency agreement  
6 with the office of civil legal aid to develop and make available  
7 information, online self-help resources, and other legal aid services  
8 to help participants to own property in the state without public  
9 disclosure of such ownership. These resources must also include  
10 information to help participants purchase property in the name of a  
11 nonprofit organization or corporation, without public disclosure of  
12 ownership, in order to establish a safe house for other participants  
13 or for sex trafficking victims. The secretary of state and the state  
14 and local agencies and nonprofit agencies designated by the secretary  
15 of state under RCW 40.24.080 shall publicize the availability of  
16 legal resources and assistance under this section to program  
17 participants and applicants. The secretary of state may not provide  
18 direct legal resources and assistance to participants. No fee may be  
19 charged to the participants for legal assistance under this section.  
20 This section creates no individual right to legal assistance or  
21 representation in litigation at public expense.

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